Starring	Jennifer Morrison Ginnifer Goodwin Josh Dallas Lana Parrilla Jared Gilmore Emilie de Ravin Robert Carlyle Michael Raymond-James Rebecca Mader
No. of episodes	22
Release	
Original network	ABC
Original release	September 30, 2012 – May 19, 2013

Premise

Once Upon a Time season 3 premiered on September 30, 2012 and finished airing on May 19, 2013. It consists of 22 episodes. The season is produced by Kitsis/Horowitz Productions, ABC Studios and Buena Vista Television. The season was released on DVD and Blu-ray Disc on September 10, 2013 in the United States.

Cast and characters

Main

- Jennifer Morrison as Emma Swan / Mary Margaret Blanchard
- Ginnifer Goodwin as Mary Margaret Blanchard
- Josh Dallas as Prince Phillip / David Nolan
- Lana Parrilla as Regina Mills / Evil Queen
- Jared Gilmore as Henry Mills
- Emilie de Ravin as Belle / Lacey
- Robert Carlyle as Mr. Gold / Rumplestiltskin / Captain Hook
- Michael Raymond-James as Neal Cassidy / Baelfire
- Rebecca Mader as Dr. Whale / Adam
- Eion Bailey as Graham / Archibald / Mr. Gold

Recurring

- Raphael Sbarge as Archie Lucas / Jiminy
- Meghan Ory as Ruby / Red
- Karley Sciortino as Grace / Thea / Tiny Tiger
- Keegan Connor Tracy as Kathryn Nolan
- Julian Morris as Wesley / Sam Gray
- Tony Perez as Jacob
- Rebecca Mader as Sleeper / Sleeper (Alice)
- Sarah Bolger as Princess Aurora
- Tom Pelphrey as Jacob
- Victor Webster as Robin Hood / Roland
- Keegan Connor Tracy as Blue Fairy / Sophie
- Giancarlo Esposito as Sidney Glass / Jr. Hunter Huphart
- Paul Blackthorne as Mulan

- Jeffrey Kissoon as Sparky
- Kevin Durand as Lancelot
- Noah Bright as Hyacinth
- Ivan Gonzalez as Ivan the Fabulist / Pinky
- Shawny Lee Ha as Mei Ling / Ping
- Jamie Chung as Tamara / Snow White
- Cora Gauthier as Dr. Zoma
- Christian Kane as Jacob / Blackbeard / Dr. Whale
- Ben Cotton as Tom Clark
- Jeff Kober as Jeff
- Christopher Duncan as Herbert / Dragon (ep.)
- Jeff Gulka as Dragon (voice)
- Jeff Gulka as Mr. Clean
- Jeff Gulka as Jack of the Beanstalk
- Michael P. Northey as Mr Cole Trust

Guest

- Jesse Cheng as Wood
- Jamie Chung as Snow White / Mulan / Mega Mulan
- Chloe Bennet as Young Mulan
- Ryan Kennedy as Young Phillip
- Fiona Rene as Ariella / Ella / Cinderella
- Jessica Collins as Jacqueline
- Christian Kane as Jacob
- Barbara Eve Harris as Ursula
- Kimberly Dakota Grant as Tamara
- Mackenzie Cura as Lexi / Ariel
- Sarah Bolger as Princess Aurora
- Sarah Wolff as Mother Superior / Abbess
- Ivan Gonzalez as Ivan the Fabulist
- Eric Lange as Prince Leopold
- Trieste Nicole Brown voices Ursula the Sea Goddess
- Jeff Gulka as Jack of the Beanstalk / Giant
- Annabelle Griffin as Princess Sarah / Sabrina Rose
- Jeff Gulka as Jack of the Beanstalk
- Max Zahora as King Midas
- Jeff Gulka as Jack of the Beanstalk / Giant
- Josh O'Brien as Lost Boy

Episodes

No.	No. in season	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original release date	US viewers (millions)
49	1	"The Heart of the Truest Believer"	Edward Ornelas & Mark Mylod	Adam Horowitz & Edward Kitsis	September 30, 2012	11.07[1]

Emma Swan (Jennifer Morrison) is a bail bondswoman who has been living in Boston for the past 28 years. She has been searching for her son Henry (Jared Gilmore) since she gave him up for adoption as an infant. Henry has been living in Storybrooke, Maine, with his adoptive mother Regina Mills (Lana Parrilla), who is the Evil Queen from the Enchanted Forest. Henry has been reading a storybook that describes the residents of Storybrooke as characters from fairy tales, and he is convinced that Regina is the Evil Queen. Henry tells Emma that she is the only person who can break the curse that Regina cast on the residents of Storybrooke. Emma is skeptical, but she agrees to help Henry.

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50	2	"The Doctor"	Ralph Hemecker	Jane Espenson	October 14, 2012	9.27[2]

Emma and Henry arrive in Storybrooke and meet Mary Margaret Blanchard (Ginnifer Goodwin), who is the Fairy Godmother from the Enchanted Forest. Mary Margaret is also the adoptive mother of Emma, who was given up for adoption as an infant. Mary Margaret tells Emma that Regina is the Evil Queen, and Regina has cursed the residents of Storybrooke to live in the present day without their memories of the Enchanted Forest. Emma is skeptical of Mary Margaret's claims, but she is intrigued by Mary Margaret's husband David Nolan (Josh Dallas), who is the Prince from the Enchanted Forest. Emma and Henry visit Archie Lucas (Raphael Sbarge), who is a therapist and the town's resident expert on fairy tales. Archie tells Emma that Regina is the Evil Queen, and he suggests that Emma should break the curse by convincing Henry that she is the Savior. Emma and Henry visit Dr. Whale (Rebecca Mader), who is the town's resident mad scientist. Dr. Whale is also the creator of Frankenstein's monster. Emma and Henry visit Regina's office, and Regina tells Emma that Henry is delusional. Emma tells Regina that she is the Savior, and Regina tells Emma that she is the Evil Queen's daughter. Emma and Henry visit Mr. Gold (Robert Carlyle), who is the town's pawnbroker. Mr. Gold is also Rumplestiltskin from the Enchanted Forest. Mr. Gold tells Emma that Regina is the Evil Queen, and he tells Emma that Regina's mother was the Evil Queen before Regina.

No.	No. in season	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original release date	US viewers (millions)
51	3	"Heartless"	Jon Amiel	Christopher Keyser & Ian Tuohy	October 21, 2012	9.49[3]

Emma and Henry visit Mr. Gold's pawnshop, and Mr. Gold tells Emma that Regina's heart is in a box in the pawnshop. Emma and Henry visit Regina's mansion, and Regina tells Emma that Mr. Gold is a liar. Emma and Henry visit Archie's office, and Archie tells Emma that Regina's heart is not in a box in the pawnshop. Emma and Henry visit Dr. Whale's office, and Dr. Whale tells Emma that Regina's heart is not in a box in the pawnshop. Emma and Henry visit Mary Margaret and David's apartment, and Mary Margaret tells Emma that Regina's heart is not in a box in the pawnshop. Emma and Henry visit Regina's mansion, and Regina tells Emma that Mr. Gold is a liar. Emma and Henry visit Mr. Gold's pawnshop, and Mr. Gold